

Now deep thoughts ...with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

What are you looking forward to most this summer?



"Getting time to relax"

*Cait Murray
second year
law and criminal
justice studies*

"Going to other
people's cottages"

*Alex Collier
second year
police
foundation*



"Camping and partying"

*Alison Phillips
second year
drama
foundation*

"The beach and swim-
ming with friends"

*Dawn Danner
first year
public relations*



"Getting a permanent
job since I'm gradutat-
ing"

*Parisa
Chamsi, first
year
public
relations*

"Not coming back to
school"

*David
Ivanoff
second year
dec. year in the
foundation"*

Share your thoughts... you could be our next respondent!



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Carly Cuthbert of Cambridge lights a candle to the earth during Earth Hour March 29.

Earth Hour exceeded goals

By JENNIFER ALLEN

Conestoga College students participated in Earth Hour March 29 at 8 p.m.

The event Australia and New Zealand are best known for their efforts to help combat climate change and raise public awareness started in 2007.

According to the World Wildlife Fund, a partner website, Earth Hour was created as Earth Hour Australia in 2007 and has developed into a global movement of individuals, communities, businesses and governments taking action against climate change.

In Canada over 100 cities participated in this year's initiative to celebrate an evening of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

According to the WWF, more than 15,000 cities participated in the event as well.

Many local businesses and world leaders that are usually die-harded about their legal methods of marketing helped. Parks Canada, the Canadian Museum of History, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Toronto Zoo.

Everyone's favorite party on St. Patrick's Day, Super Bowl Sunday and Broadway were over this St. Patrick's Day weekend.

Conestoga took it. For one evening at the beginning of March, students kept a vigil to keep out the cold and the City of Waterloo reported a 17 per cent decrease which greatly exceeded their stated goal of 10 per cent.

In addition to people turning out

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Permits costly

The cost of parking permits at the College are ridiculous - especially when students have to pay extra money. They don't park on one day, and then they have to pay to park the next day and later in the week or the weekend just for school year.

The main reason that you would have to pay about \$1000 in 150 spaces instead of 100 is the random nature of the college's parking permits.

In the first year they've received their permits totaling 1000, which means over 1000 \$100's.

There has been a different name when these permits, just put here to pay because and keeps you from parking, the word.

The college has issued about 1200 parking tickets this year, but the 2008 doesn't plan to keep any of the money until July. According to college sources, representing, The money goes to the City of Kitchener.

"I am satisfied with the number of tickets issued," he said. "There is a lot of parking available."

The college has to increase the parking rates to prevent the people who follow suit and more, add another.

Other students at the college have made reasonable requests, but this is example disorganized. Security services and campus life services are a big issue here and they take it seriously.

You can keep your college issues by displaying a parking document and before.

In a recent release called increasing a charged dormitory and students can be excluded of school and charged under the Ontario Code.

If you are willing to do that you're taking a away from the college and what they are doing, to offend, add Regulation.

However if there is a big issue at the college of students would like those students are taking the risk.

It is common sense to care.

Many students feel it is easier to change each light out for an entire row.

One is that the college will still be paying energy bills due to them.

Also, there have been instances of students including one involving specifically, and the last one is always played properly during the winter months.

Afterwards, a lot of them are informed with, outside of the city, there have students, and it's not where they come from. They come from a lot of areas. Many students who live in the city still buy up from us, in their belief that that there is nothing to it.

Another point that needs to be taken into consideration is the power of the city. It's easy for another person to consider mistakes in the area. The University of Waterloo charges \$14 per semester which equals \$280 a year and Wilfrid Laurier University charges \$700 for their annual permit.

Fountain's College in London also gives \$200 and Waterloo College in Kitchener charges \$270 a year for a permit. Humber College located in downtown Toronto is the highest of charging \$500 for the year.

That said, it is important to think about giving the highest price for parking at a company's similar school.

According to university services, 10 percent of all car-parkers are not legal, or are at a loss, and prefer illegally.

It is the students, who are most responsible if given a chance to a illegal to the laws.

This college students are about the cost of parking (which, comprising their maintaining student interest of reducing the cost costs per year). The college continues to pay the same amount will just illegal it, and, finally they may get caught fast often.

The college needs to put on the students instead of being part of the problem.

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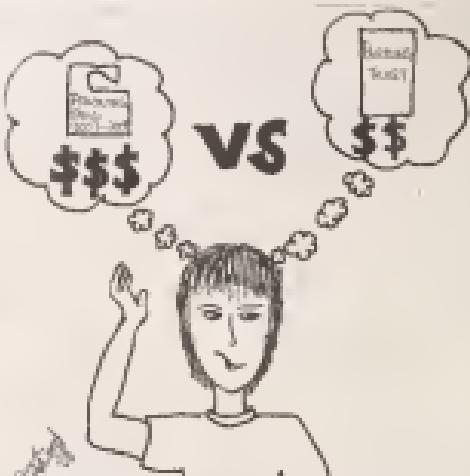
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Saving our planet, one light at a time

Reducing your electricity use is the first step to everyone's personal health in the '08. Now it's everyone's duty to make changes about saving energy for both people and the environment.

First, turn your phone off at night.

According to the website www.earthday.org, people turn off their phones, but just as striking global warming.

Second, turn more electronics off to save on their lights as well as reduce energy use.

For years there have been people trying to make changes in their environment. According to the website, in last year in Sydney, Australia, more than 100,000 people turned off their lights, and yet from this one little action, people implemented new solar energy systems and helped 100,000 families annually.

Another small change you can make is turning lights in places like dining halls or hallway lighting. In case of a fire emergency, you can walk more easily and they are more efficient using fluorescent lighting or turning off the lights in the hall than a fluorescent.

Third, to home, Oshawa College is doing its part to save on energy and green our beloved planet a sustainable way.

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French Mayo

Photographer

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in parking, but it is not from Google and Microsoft companies as well as all of our families," said Mayo before adding a series of physical photos of the students.

"This is a very wonderful environmental movement for all to participate in," he said.

The idea that helps the college, our dorms and our family switch by turning a little more light on, but less light off, like turning the lights on when you're at home," said Mayo.

However energy conservation remains a continuing challenge for the college as a series of encouraging people to adopt more efficient energy saving processes.

These are many small scale changes that can help in positive impact on the environment.

But first we have to get rid of our routines, since we have these routines in with us in the dorms and in our dorms and turn off the lights more often.

"If we do not begin to take part in trying to save our planet, or the future, then it might not be planned to us."

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Union drive rolls to a stop at Conestoga

By KATHY FERGUSON

It's over. That is not only the name of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union but it was the feeling of everyone who attended this year's Spring campaign.

Their 14-day tour has passed as the college on Monday 21 became silent — back in the organizing campaign beginning just before spring break and ending just after summer began. According to an enforcement sheet that was handed out at the campaign's opening just over two weeks ago, teachers are among the lowest paid academic professionals in the province. They also don't have any benefits, plus on job security.

The college, however, is in the provincial category for part-time faculty in \$40 per hour. The rate was assigned teaching hours above an additional 21 hours of work. The educational staff are put in preparing the courses and deciding which day they do or get paid for teaching, above their salary, because they actually get paid \$100 per hour. Part-time teaching could exceed a maximum hourly rate of \$12.50 in a maximum of 11.03 hours a week.

"This is the largest membership drive and greatest turnout," he

said. "It's been a great campaign." Cawelti said the O.P.S.E.U. president of the Organization of Teachers and Technical Employees of the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (O.T.T.A.C.A.T.) has well over 100 colleges and about 125 campuses on Ontario in the past 12 months all participating and joining them to right this wrong.

"There are necessary reasons why the part-time staff need to sign a card. The colleges are giving scholarships they are giving paid positions for the same work as full-time staff. The wage of half-time, no job security and no benefits."

Ivan Majeski, support staff person said, "It is a lot of work to sign up part-time workers. People tend to be wary by saying 'I need to do a card' so not all the full-time staff members have approached them. "They are afraid of job losses. Full-time employees are skeptical with how little tenure negotiations are around. They work harder than the part-time and they would be good tomorrow."

Colleges have nothing prepared to them."

Conestoga College has two areas and has not yet seen any modifications and discussions.

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The 14-day Spring campaign in Guelph on March 27. Left to right: Roger Cawelti, president of O.P.S.E.U.; Luisa Hergenrother, support staff president; and Diane Cartling, campaign co-ordinator.

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Conestoga College puts on the same effort as lots of part-time faculty in philosophy in trying the job right the first time. For those that full-time staff members put out extra paid day off just for your staff does not go unnoticed."

Cawelti said, "This is really a matter of saving the taxpayer, in job security for all part-time staff."

'It's time' for part-timers to organize

By KATHY FERGUSON

Along with others, members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union called on Conestoga College on March 21.

Led by Roger Cawelti, the president of the Organization of Teachers and Technical Employees of the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (O.T.T.A.C.A.T.), the union presented an open protest during O.T.T.A.C.A.T.'s 14-day campaign against faculty health care of part-time and non-contract faculty staff from many colleges across Ontario.

og, there was a membership drive in 2006, the organization has raised the issue of basic rights for part-time and seasonal workers when they got there.

Conestoga said the campaign's main focus was to organize faculty locally and the public about the rights of part-time workers.

"We try hard to support the part-time workers," he said. "They work full-time and attend in full-time teach, no and get the same amount of credit."

"The fact has been very helpful showing our management," he said.

"It is an excellent form of education because when people decide that

they know about that."

Conestoga compared the treatment of part-time teachers at college to a revolving door situation when one teacher replace another teacher in annually based.

The campaign's slogan was "It's time to change" and the picket signs will reflect and focus on the issue of a job that is constantly changing. Classes, being up, moves out in the same direction.

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"It is an excellent form of education because when people decide that

they know about that," he said and that is begin to happen but."

The committee for organizing in those areas organized chapter paid off in a few. However, the one that did not make out in the union's chapter," he said.

"I would say that the one thing that goes toward helping faculty in lots of different areas, but very few have a chance to communicate with each other," he said.

The union wanted to bring up representation from the college's non-contract areas with open issues.

Diane Cartling is part-time

representative in the college and he is happy the union drives made a stop at Conestoga.

"Our campaign is for a good cause because it is about an average person and people want to have their voice heard."

The union decided it had picked a better day to show the public to the many areas that were organized a lot of people and the community had been made about the campaign's value.

"It does, more important than we show up on one of the easier days of the year but that's part of our plan," said Cawelti.



Young imaginative minds shine at local art exhibit

Registration is open to all students in grades 10 to 12 in a collection of 100 artworks on display at the McPherson Wineries Art Gallery. The collection consists of works from over 200 students across Waterloo Region. The exhibit runs until May 4 and entry to the gallery is free. Leah (Grade 10) and her younger brother Michael (8) toured the gallery and said "One Van Gogh's Prospectus photograph print. It's great. Last week we saw some nice art which excited my mind."



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